

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the)	
Delivery of Video Programming)	

**COMMENTS OF
Athol-Orange Community Televison**

Athol-Orange Community TV (AOTV) submits these comments in response to the above-captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming.”

AOTV is a small PEG Access Center in Northern Central Massachusetts. We provide two channels of video services for 5,200 subscribers in two towns. Currently, our cable provider, Time Warner Cable, has analog and digital, and HD tiers for programming. As of now we are on the analog and digital tiers. However, it may be changing soon. In a few years, all PEG channels will need to be HD to survive.

We are writing because we are one of the “lucky” access stations who has not been hit by state franchising rules or technology to block the ability to see our channel easily. AOTV is a thriving, integral part of the community because these other factors do not exist in our area. It’s the way PEG Access Television was meant to be. We need to speak up for the ones who have been hurt; otherwise, we will be next.

Your goal is to seek comments on the delivery of video programming. Steps must be taken to protect all PEG Access Channels from being banished to an unknown area of the cable spectrum. PEG Channels need to be in the basic tier line-up for the subscribers, However with the growing changes in techonogy, many subscribers only watch the digital and HD line-ups so PEG Access needs to be viewed by those subscribers as well.

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